Scheme for Promoting Interests, Creativity and Ethics among Students (SPICES)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q.1	What is the aim of this scheme?
A.1	Every technical institution encourages student activities by way of student clubs which help in their overall grooming. The idea behind this scheme is to have at least one club evolved as model club with assistance from AICTE and institution. The chosen club must utilize the combined grant to take up activities and also raise funds for them.
Q.2	What is AICTE expecting from the institution?
A.2	AICTE expects institution to fund its other clubs in a similar fashion and intensify their activities. Vibrant clubs will attract attention of other institutions and inspire the latter to emulate. Thus there will be intensification of club activities across the country.
Q.3	Are Students Chapters and Students Societies also eligible to apply?
A.3	Yes.
Q.4	Can the grant be utilised by the institute on the expenditures pertaining to Faculty Coordinator/ Co-coordinator or any other faculty member?
A.4	No, the grant can be utilised only for the expenditures pertaining to student members of the club.
Q.5	How many proposals can be submitted by the institute ?
A.5	Institute can seek support for one club only, for which it must be willing to support financially also.
Q.6	Will my institute be eligible to apply, if project is granted once?
A.6	No, Institute will be eligible to receive the grant under SPICES scheme only once. AICTE expects the institute to support all other clubs in a similar fashion.
Q.7	Can non-technical/ non-engineering clubs apply under this scheme?
A.7	Yes, club from any discipline/ theme/ stream in AICTE approved institution can be proposed by the institute under this scheme, provided it fulfils the other eligibility conditions.
Q.8	Can I get the remittance in favor of the Coordinator's account name?
A.8	No, the grant can only be released in favor of the Director/ Principal/ Registrar of the institution. Applicant must provide duly-filled mandate form having seal and signature of the bank authority.
Q.9	What are the strong points which enhance possibility of support from AICTE?
A.9	Past achievements of the club, its interface with industry/ professional body, achievements of the Faculty Coordinator, credentials of the institute.
Q.10	The club intends to organize events jointly with other institutes/ organization. Is that encouraged?
A.10	Yes, such clubs will be given preference, provided the collaboration is with a reputed organisation/ institution/ agency/ body etc.
Q.11	How much time is taken by AICTE for processing the proposal?
A.11	2 months (approximately)
Q.12	If both coordinator & co-coordinator are transferred/ changed, then how to update details of another coordinator?
A.12	The institute must appoint another faculty as coordinator whose qualifications and experience must be matching with the previous one and take approval from AICTE. One needs to go to "Request for Change of Coordinator" on the SPICES Review Portal, attach the letter reflecting the name, designation, e mail and phone number of new coordinator, duly signed by Head of Institution and submit.

Q.13	What is the process of refunding unspent AICTE grant?
A.13	Any unspent amount with the institute must be immediately returned through NEFT/ crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Member Secretary, AICTE" payable at New Delhi, within 30 days of approved project completion date.
Q.14	What is the proportion of contribution from the institute and support from AICTE over 100% expenses incurred on the Student's Club activities?
A.14	The total project cost is minimum Rs. 2 Lakh with Rs. 1 Lakh from AICTE and rest coming from institute (minimum Rs. 1 Lakh). If the expenditure within project duration is less than Rs. 2 Lakh then institute has to refund the unspent amount out of Rs. 1 Lakh given by AICTE.
Q.15	Is there any requirement on the minimum number of activities to be conducted under this scheme? Can we conduct one single event/activity?
A.15	Club must conduct as many activities possible, spread throughout the year. Club members may be encouraging to raise funds from other sponsors.
Q.16	Can we consider taking our students for a one-day outdoor experiential learning activity
A.16	Yes, but the expenditures on account of travel cannot exceed Rs. 40,000. Additional expenditures, if any should be borne by the institute.
Q.17	Can we conduct event/activity in club in Online Mode or Hybrid Mode?
A.17	AICTE recommends club activities to be held offline to enhance the student interaction between themselves and also with experts invited.
Q.18	Can we use AICTE logo?
A.18	All publicity materials/ advertisements/ brochures/ invitation cards/ any other collaterals/ event backdrop etc. related to event(s), must carry AICTE logo and the name of SPICES. Likewise at the venue, the stage backdrop/ podium must prominently display the AICTE logo and the name of SPICES.
Q.19	Can we buy Hardware/Software from AICTE contribution for the clubs activities
A.19	No, funds cannot be used for Hardware/Software. If require the same must be bought from institute funds. Rs.2 Lakh have to be spent on club activities/events(s).
Q.20	Is the one year duration for completing the event(s) is reckoned from the date of receipt of funds?
A.20	Yes, this date receipt must be intimated to AICTE
Q.21	Visiting to industrial/technical hubs, can be taken as event and can we submit those bills for consideration?
A.21	No. The industrial/technical hubs visit is part of academic activities, and the grant cannot be utilised for this purpose.
Q.22	What procedure or guidelines is to be followed for remuneration/ honorarium for keynote Speaker/ Guest Lecture/ Trainer etc. in the event(s)/workshop(s) ?
A.22	AICTE expects that such experts do not charge for student activities and clubs must try for the same.
Q.23	Can we allow registration fee to be collected from students for event(s)/ activities?
A.23	It is up to the institute to decide whether to collect registration fee or not.
Q.24	Can we use the grant for publishing books?
A.24	The grant can be utilized for publication/printing of promotional material of events/activities organized by the club.
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